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SOURCE

- The firm owned by Dr. G. Messinis, * ("Approve gionamento Combustibili"), has its main offices in Piazza San Marco 5238, Venice, Italy, and a branch office at Via Machiavelli 3, Trieste. The Trieste branch is managed by a Greek subject, the brother-in-law of Messinis, D. George Ecclessiades, who also owns a small concern engaged in the import and export of dried fruits.
- Since late 1948, the Trieste branch has been actively engaged in the acquisition of Austrian and Yugoslav lumber and its shipment to Greece. While not the primary function of the Trieste branch, the lumber transactions were performed by order of the main branch in Venice, which had won a contract by submitting the lowest bid to Athens where the lumber was needed for reconstruction purposes in Greece. In accord with American ECA officials in Athens as well as the Greek Ministry of Reconstruction, Meschnis purchased lumber from Austria and Yugoslavia, making payment for it in U. S. dollars.
- The lumber was shipped from Trieste or from the Yugoslav ports of Rijeka and Susak. Trieste shipments were mainly handled by he Deschmann and Terrile Freight Forwarding Agency, Via del Teatro 2, which placed the Tumber aboard vessels of the Greek NEP line according to arrangements made with BOS Maritime Agency, the local NEP representative.
- Shipments made from Trieste in 1948 and 1949 under the Messinis contrict were as follows, with only one shipment of 153,107 cubic meters being rade to date in 1950:

Date of Fill of Lading	<u>Destination</u>	Cargo in cubic meter
28 October 1948	Thessalonika	763.654
19 November 1948	Piraeus	510,880
20 November 1948	Volos	161,630
23 November 1948	Proveza	145.300
10 December 1948	Anfilonia	528,000
10 December 1948	Preveza	3,101.695
4 February 1949	Preveza	1,048,867
11 March 1949	Igoumenitza	989.011
11 March 1949	Corfu	1,003.992
12 March 1949	Pr veze.	691.980
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5. The following shipments were made from the Yugoslav port of Susak:

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	1 February 1949	Levadecia	1,672.054
	7 March 1949	Corinth	1,712,219
	12 February 1949	Unknown	845.290
	12 February 1949	Unknown	778,093

Comment: Photostat copies of the Bills of Lading for all of the above vessels, with the exception of the last two named, are on file 25X1A

Comment: The Messinis firm was mentioned in nection with negotiations for the purchase of Yugoslav Lumber ty Greece.

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